

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has allowed Claims 7-15.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 6, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,443,232 to Kesinger et al., Claims 16-18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,721,412 to Kindorf and Claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kesinger et al in view of the Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA).

Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitation "a pair of spaced apart pins straddling the axis of symmetry of the inner hanger and extending parallel thereto, one of the pins extending through and coupled to the outer hanger so that the inner and outer hangers are rotatable relative to one another between the deployed and installation positions, which is recited in allowed Claim 7." As Kesinger et al., Kindorf or AAPA neither teaches nor discloses this element recited in amended Claim 1, withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 1, as amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-6, 16 and 17, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on Claim 1. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-6, 16 and 17 is respectfully requested.

The method Claim 18 has been amended to include the recitation “the inner hanger is exposed to a user.” These and other advantages are attained by the present invention as recited in independent method Claim 18, which is directed to a method of securing the cable holder by displacing the hangers relative to one another to offset the previously-aligned axes of symmetry and expose the inner hanger to a user, thereby facilitating direct access to the inner hanger by the user.

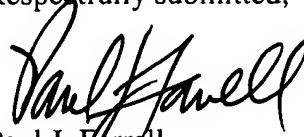
With respect to the rejection of Claims 18 and 20, the Examiner states that Kindorf teaches a cable holder with inner 20 and outer 1 hangers each having a respective axis of symmetry and displaceably coupled to one another between a deployed position, in which the axes are aligned, to an installation position in which the axes are offset. However, Kindorf in Figs. 1-3, discloses the wire strap 20 being suspended from a U-shaped channel 1 extending at a right angle to a conduit 10. The axes of symmetry of the wire strap 20 and channel 1 are clearly not aligned as shown in Kindorf, with the strap 22 mounted at an end of the channel 1.

With respect to the rejection of Claims 18 and 19 by Kesinger et al., the inner hanger is not exposed to the user regardless of the alignment between the pipe 16 and the second clamp 14 as shown in Kesinger et al.

Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 19 and 20, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on Claim 18. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 18-20 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-20, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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